

## JUST A FEW ANECDOTES

### The Woolly Waiter.

Donald Lowther, the brother of the Earl of Londale, who is to marry Miss Alice, an American girl, was some years ago connected with the British embassy in Washington.

Mr. Lowther has traveled over America thoroughly, and in London he is known for his knowledge of American manners and customs.

At a London dinner party the restaurant waiter, being discussed, and Mr. Lowther said:

"You should see the woolly waiter of the Hotel de Dead Gulch, of Ruston, of Snake, and of a hundred other American mining towns."

"The woolly waiter serves you in his apron, with a clear in his mouth, and an Englishman ordered quail of the day a person."

"Quail?" said the waiter. "All right, quail it is. Quail goes."

"And he disappeared in the kitchen, and a moment returned with a dish of pigs."

"What's this?" said the Englishman.

### The Knocker.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer, the well-known culinary expert, gave a dinner recently to a cooking class of young married women.

Mrs. Rorer culminated this excellent dinner with a number of stories about cooking.

"I am making," she said, "a collection of cooking stories, and some day, perhaps, I will publish them all in a book. I am continually adding to my stock. Only yesterday a new cooking story was told me by a disappointed young wife."

"This young wife, who had never cooked so much as a beefsteak in her life, all of a sudden bought a cook-book, entered her kitchen, and plunged into the construction of an elaborate and difficult meal."

"The pie, a strange looking object, was served to the husband, a caustic person, that night at dinner. He helped himself, tried a mouthful, and then said:

"What's this?"

"A meat pie," said the wife. "I made it out of Harry Barker's cook-book."

"Ah," said the man, "this leathery part is the binding. I suppose."

### The Two Essentials.

Gen. Frederick D. Grant was praising a little boy whom he had met on the steamer that brought him back to America in the early winter.

"This little boy," he said, "had a remarkable mind. He would blurt out the most astonishing ideas. One morning he paced the deck with me in silence for a long time. Then, suddenly, he said:

"Oh, dear, I wish I had a waistcoat and a bald head, so I could be a man."

### Guiltless on That Count.

Henry Harland, the novelist, has been spending the winter at San Remo, one of the quaint towns of the Italian Riviera.

The other day an American said of him:

"While I was at Monte Carlo in January I ran over to San Remo to see Harland, and at luncheon I criticized rather violently a novel I had been reading."

Harland reproached me for the violence of my criticism. He said that a critical attack succeeded best if it was delivered gently. Then, to illustrate his point, he told me about an old Scottish butler in San Remo whose master had married an Italian girl of great fortune and little charm.

"Some one, after the wedding, asked the Scot what he thought of the bride."

"She's very rich," the questioner began.

"Ah, so I've heard," said the old man.

"And agreeable?"

"They say so."

"Well, what's your private opinion of her, Thomas?"

"Weel," said the old man, with a gentle chuckle, "Ah think she's a richt bony wench, as weel as beln' rich an' clever; but, if beauty's a sin, she won't have that to answer for."

### One Good Guess Deserves Another.

James R. Keene is noted for his civility. He is as polite to a poor man as to a millionaire. On account of his unalterable kindness servants always hold him in singularly high regard.

A broker, the other day, complimented Mr. Keene upon this trait of his. With a smile Mr. Keene said:

"I learned in my youth that it is best to be polite to every one."

"I was walking in the country one day in my youth, and on towards sundown I lost my way. As I plodded on, tired and hungry, I met a farm hand."

"Jack," I said, "what is the way to Berenda?"

"The farm hand looked at me with a frown."

"How did you know," he said, "that my name was Jack?"

"Oh, I said, 'I guessed it.'"

"Then," said the farm hand, "guess your way to Berenda."

### Very Shrewd.

Mayor C. S. Ashley of New Bedford was delivering an address upon the subject of progress.

"Shrewdness," Mayor Ashley said, "has much to do with progress. If we are not shrewd, we fail to get along. By shrewdness, though, I don't mean trickery. For instance—"

Mayor Ashley smiled down upon his audience a moment. Then he resumed:

"By shrewdness I don't mean such methods as a certain drummer from Connecticut employed in this town last fall. 'This drummer came here with a trunk of samples, and sought out an elderly and honest liveryman."

"I want," he said, 'to hire a horse and buggy for two weeks. I want to make with my goods a thorough tour of the interior of the State.'

"I'm sorry, friend," said the liveryman, "but I can't let you have a horse and buggy for so long as that without a whole lot of security."

"The drummer offered \$10 for security."

then \$20, then \$20. But the liveryman shook his head."

"No," he said, "it ain't enough. That team is worth \$300 and I wouldn't feel secure if I didn't have \$300 left with me when you took the team away."

"Look here," said the drummer, "how would this do? Suppose I bought the team from you for \$300. Would you be willing, then, to buy it back for the same sum when I returned two weeks later?"

"Sure," said the liveryman. "Sure. That arrangement would suit, friend."

"So the drummer paid the \$300, drove away with the team and his trunk of samples, and in two weeks' time was back again, everything—horse, wagon and harness—in the pink of condition."

"Well," said the liveryman, as he looked the team over, "you certainly used my property well. Here is your \$300, just as I promised."

"The drummer pocketed the money and made as if to depart."

"Hold on," said the liveryman. "About the rent of the team. I think \$30 will be about right, don't you?"

"Rent?" said the drummer, hurrying off. "Rent? Why, man, are you fool enough to think I'd pay rent for the use of my own property?"

### High and Low.

Irving Grinnell, treasurer of the Church Temperance society of New York, was

talking about the difference between high and low church among Episcopalians.

"I heard two boys talking on the street the other day," he said. "The first said in a boasting way:

"Our church is awful high. We have matins."

"That's nothin'," said the other boy. "We have carpets."

### TEA

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30, 65, 75 and 95 cent values.

Three Pairs for \$1.00

### As to New Combs.

The success attending the sale of shell goods influenced us to make a feature of that line of goods. Shell goods have regularly been carried but not on the scale which marks the present new stock. It is a very extensive showing of attractive combs—the largest and most complete in the city. It comprises the plain back, and the mounted. A distinctive feature of the comb trade is the demand for rhine stone settings—indeed it is the very newest.

### At the Fashion Center.

The friends of Madam Jones will be pleased to learn that her eyes are considerably improved, so much so that she has taken up her work again with renewed energy.

The Madam is now in New York and in touch with the latest fashions in dress. She will return in ample time for the spring trade.

Manager John Lewis is now in New York supervising the spring buying. He is registered at the Breslin Hotel.

### Fashionable Waists

The Cream Mohair Waist is the newest conception for Spring wear. It is made in different styles. Some have the yoke effect, and others embroidered fronts and small tucks trimmed with buttons. These very stylish waists have enjoyed an unprecedented run. \$2.75 for \$3.00; \$3.00 for \$2.65; \$2.50 for \$1.95.

Challies, Flannels and Brilliant Waists are shown in assorted colors—HALF PRICES.

The Man-kind Shirt is the latest novelty. It is swell. From the first hour it sold well. All over the East it is the rage. Our lines include the Mohair, Pique, and Plaid Vestings. It is the Waist that has made the hit of the season.

A large variety of colored Waists in all styles and sizes—cambrie, zephyrs, gingham and cotton voiles. 65c to \$2.95.

A shipment of Linen Waists is in. In various designs they are French hand-embroidered. Dainty stocks and the latest sleeves.

Have you seen our fine Persian Lawns? They have the small tucks front and back, and are appliqued in rose patterns. Some have embroidered yoke effects and pretty dotted Swisses with Val. Lace. The leg-of-mutton sleeves, new cuffs, some of which are tucked and embroidered, are other striking features.

### 20 Per Cent Discount on Jet Trimmings, Collars and Yokes

Including all-overs, band and applique trimmings.

Including all 25c Jet Collars.

Including all Jet Collars and Yokes, which sell at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50.

### Lovely Neckwear

For the week, inducements are made in silk and cotton collar foundations. The colors are white and black. The values reach to 25c—for 2c.

A new line of button-hole Collars, in all colors, are made a special at 25c.

A beautiful line of Lace Collars and Cuff Sets—Special at 25c.

### Persian Trimmings

A large and beautiful line, including the latest designs. Used for trimming dresses and suits. Worth up to 85c a yard—for 49c.

Already the store is beginning to assume an aspect of spring loveliness.

Even the rigid cold snap did not check the curiosity shoppers' center on new spring goods.

When you come into the store you can feel it in the very air that "the people are with us."

## Keith O'Brien

COMPANY

### The People Are With Us



1844



1854



1864



1874



1834

The costume, representative of the season of 1905, is from a drawing of one of our early spring suits. It has just been on exhibition in one of the display windows. Early new styles are now ready for inspection. Shipments are now coming in fast.

The reproduction from the different periods are from the Butterick Co.



1884



1824



1905



1894



1804



1814

## Showing of Spring Fabrics.

We faithfully follow the decrees of fashion. Every trend to the new is observed. The latest fabric finds place in our ever-changing stock immediately after its appearance upon the market. The early spring showing is therefore replete with newest creations in imported and domestic weaves. The stock is admirable. The varieties of pattern, the scope of colorings, the range of textures arouses exclamations of heartiest encomium.

The season's smartest styles are running to Checks and Stripes in Mohair Mixtures, Scotch Mixtures, Crepe De Paris, French Voiles, and fancy Mohairs. And it is well. Exquisite and in every way desirable, these handsome goods are certain to reach greater popularity than at any previous rage.

### Beautiful New French Voiles.

This very popular Spring material promises to reach greater favor than has been accorded it in previous seasons. It is so crisp, so durable, and so practical in that it sheds dust. Just to enliven shopping we have included in the first selling \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities which are offered for the week at only... **\$1.00**

### Mannish Effects and Mohair Mixtures.

And if the other weaves do not appeal to your wishes the new Mannish Effects and Mohair Mixtures in checks and stripes may meet the requirements. The praises of these materials are sung by the most fastidious dressers. They make up well. The effects are stunning. The leading colorings and the latest styles are shown... **50 cts**

### Fashionable Mohair.

Within the reach of those who dress with exquisite taste and the lady of modest means who is no less appreciative of becoming attire, we offer Mohairs at varying prices from 55 cents to \$2.50. It is the most handsome and durable of shirt-waist cloths. It is conceded a leader.

Many patterns have the cravenette finish. A large variety of styles.

### All Wool Scotch Mixtures.

For early spring suitings, 46 to 54-inch. All-wool Scotch mixtures are recommended. Very desirable. 75 cents a yard.

### Crepe De Paris.

The leading shades are shown in the 44-inch material. For the week a \$1.75 value is made a special at \$1.25. Considering the earliness of the season this is exceptional.

A Cleaning Up of Winter Dress Goods Remnants, Skirt, Dress and Waist Lengths. Many Remnants at Half of Original Prices.

### Big Cuts in Little Things

Combination Needle Book, with hooks and eyes, pins, needles, hair pins—25c worth of notions for 10c.

Five sizes of Tape in one package—sells at 10c—for 5c.

Good quality of two-hole Pearl Buttons, two dozen on a card—worth 15c, 20c and 25c a card—for 10c.

Fancy trimming Buttons, in all colors—one and two dozen on a card. Worth 15c and 20c—for 10c.

### Bargain in Pillow Covers

Because new stock is arriving unusual reductions are offered. Lithograph, Tapestry and Stamped—a limited stock. Values up to \$1.25. While the covers last—49c.

The McCall Patterns never disappoint.

We make purchases right. When anything unfortunate occurs we simply remedy the matter to the satisfaction of the customer.